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SUBJECT: "VICTORY AT ENTEBBE" WITHDRAWN FROM TRINIDAD THEATERS

1. THE LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR OF "VICTORY AT ENTEBBE" HAS WITHDRAWN THE FILM FROM PUBLIC SHOWINGS FOLLOWING A MYSTERIOUS FIRE AND AN ATTEMPTED BOMBING AT THEATERS SHOWING THE FILM. ON JANUARY 11, AN EARLY-MORNING FIRE, REPORTEDLY PRECEDED BY AN EXPLOSION, COMPLETELY DESTROYED A DOWNTOWN CINEMA IN PORT OF SPAIN, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO PREMIERE THE FILM LATER THE SAME DAY. AFTER THE FIRE AND THE EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY GIVEN IN THE MEDIA TO IT AND SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, GUARDS WERE STATIONED OUTSIDE THE THEATERS SHOWING "VICTORY AT ENTEBBE" TO FRISK PATRONS. ON JANUARY 17, HOWEVER, A HOME-MADE TIME BOMB WAS FOUND IN A REST-ROOM AT A THEATER IN SAN FERNANDO WHERE THE FILM WAS ALSO BEING SHOWN. A SHORT TIME LATER THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE FILM WAS ANNOUNCED.

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2. SO FAR, THE POLICE HAVE NOT PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED ANYONE RESPONSIBLE FOR EITHER INCIDENT, NOR HAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE BEEN DETERMINED. THE BOMB WAS DESCRIBED IN PRESS ACCOUNTS AS COMPOSED OF FOUR STICKS OF GELIGNITE ATTACHED TO A CLOCK AND BATTERIES PLACED IN A CARDBOARD BOX, WRAPPED IN BROWN PAPER AND SEALED WITH BLACK TAPE.

3. THE ISRAELI RAID AT ENTEBBE DID NOT EVOKE MUCH ANTI-PATHY IN TRINIDAD WHEN IT TOOK PLACE, DESPITE THE IDENTIFICATION OF MANY TRINIDADIAN WITH AFRICA. MUCH OF THE POPULATION, IN FACT, SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITH THE AUDACITY AND SUCCESS OF THE RAID AND HAD BEEN PACKING THE THEATERS WHERE THE MOVIE WAS PLAYING. SO FAR, NO GROUP HAS COME FORWARD TO CLAIM CREDIT FOR THE BOMB OR THE FIRE, AND NO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE REGARDED AS LIKELY SUSPECTS FOR THE ACTION. THE EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE POLICE INVESTIGATION OF THE TERRORIST INCIDENTS WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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